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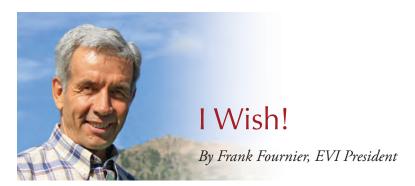
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Imagine yourself an average person living in the days of Jesus. A young man from Nazareth, perhaps a prophet, is drawing crowds to himself and making what seemed to be exaggerated claims. He was even heard to say, "Before Abraham was, I Am," causing the religious leaders to take up stones to cast at Him because He made Himself The Eternal One. John 8:58-59.

What does an ordinary man know, to reconcile such matters? For sure, the young carpenter's claim is clearly out there.

Can it be verified?

Today, we know that Jesus was exactly who He claimed to be. It is hard, however, to think that He expected people back then to accept his claim arbitrarily. Instead, I discovered that He expected people to measure His claims against the fruit He bore, the works He did.

"Believe Me," He said, "that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else *believe* me for the very works sake." John 14:11.

What about Seventh-day Adventists today?

Do we make claims hard to validate? Are we really, as we assert, the "Repairers of the breach, the restorers of paths to dwell in?" Isaiah 58: 12. Is the remnant of Revelation chapter 12 really synonymous with us as a church? Are we really a "Movement of Destiny," as one of our preeminent historians alleged? The answer is yes, and no. Yes, if like Jesus, our fruit bear witness to our claims, otherwise . . . no.

About Seventh-day Adventists, this I know: no chapter in the Bible is more applicable to our present condition than Isaiah 58. The first two words in verse one are "Cry Aloud." When the order of those words is reversed, they become "Loud Cry." Usually, when we think of the "Loud Cry" we think of Revelation 18 where an Angel comes down to enlighten the world with God's glory (character) and to proclaim the final warning to a dying world. Revelation 18:1-5. But consider: we will never be prepared to sound the Loud Cry of Revelation 18 until we have internalized and put into practice that love revealed in the Loud Cry of Isaiah 58.

God's burden in Isaiah 58 is to warn us against developing a lukewarm, mechanical religion. It is an appeal to our hearts to love our neighbor enough to help him when he needs the help we can give. It challenges us to prove our claims by the fruit we bear and the work we do. Then, like Jesus, we may say, believe us for the very works sake. But in the end, what do our works say? Do people today know us for dealing our bread to the hungry, bringing the poor that are cast out to our houses, clothing the naked and relieving the burdened of their heavy loads? Does an ordinary man notice that Love in us gives significance and power to the claims we make? Is that the impulse that springs constantly from within Adventism? I wish!

Go Forward!

By Shanniel Fisher



Students in the Health Evangelism Course

The children of Israel entertained the Satan-inspired-thought that Moses led them to die in the wilderness instead of in Egypt. Because the Israelites were stressed,

Yet in the middle of that crisis, we contacted each other, prayed and felt confident that God was leading us forward.

they were impressionable. After all, with mountains on either side, the Red Sea in front and Pharaoh behind, what could they think? Calmly, through Moses, God said, "Fear not . . . hold your peace . . . go forward." Exodus 14: 13-15. Likewise, though our situation sometimes appears impossible, God wants us to remember that: "The path where God leads the way may lie through the desert or the sea, but it is a safe path." CC 92.4

LIGHT Six-Month

Health Evangelism Course:

We hesitated to go forward with our six-month training program which was to

begin July 1, 2013.

We were faced with multiple challenges:

- I was traveling between Miami and Jamaica working on immigration documents.
- Luis and Enilda were resolving difficulties in the United States.
- Jose was struggling to keep on top of things in the store and was notified that the building was sold and he needed to move.
- Edwin and Michaela were exploring the possibility of overseeing the student program.



Re-roofing men's dormitory

• The students didn't have their full tuition paid.

Yet in the middle of that crisis, we contacted each other, prayed and felt confident that

God was leading us forward.

School started on time with 18 students. Each day, God provides our needs. The store was moved to another location in the city of Santo Domingo. Everyone is now together on campus, teaching and looking forward to our student graduation on December 14, 2013.

Please pray as we continue to make preparations for the next course which begins January 6, 2014.

News Splash:

God opened the door for me to attend the annual Eden Valley convention in Colorado, on October 4-6, 2013. The report from other ministries, talking with staff and

students about Dominican Republic, and meeting donors was such an encouragement. While there, God provided a weed whacker and lawn mower. Also a donor pledged to help us purchase a motorbike. God keeps telling us "Go Forward!"

Update:

A team of 16 missionaries from Eden Valley and Oak Haven came November 5-18, 2013. Fred Flint, as

the OCI Latin America representative was able to join us for a week. The purpose of the mission trip was to:

- Re-roof men's dormitory currently the boys stay up at the former lifestyle center which needs much work to operate again. The dorm is almost ready for occupancy. The lifestyle center is next on our list to renovate so that we can operate it as a ministry and a source of income.
- Conduct ASI New Beginning evangelism training with our local SDA conference.
- Develop sustainable agricultural program for our school.

Your prayers, your precious time, commitment, and donations are greatly appreciated.

- Build over 30 interior doors for buildings.
- Install kitchen sinks and run electricity lines to Institute homes Finally:

Going forward does not mean the way will be smooth, but when we know God leads us forward, in spite of mountains, seas, hardship, and apparent impossibilities; we can move forward. "The path of toil appointed to the Christian on earth may be



Eden Valley and Oak Haven group saying good-bye

hard and wearisome, but it is honored by the footprints of the Redeemer, and he is safe who follows in that sacred way." {CG 353.2}

Once again, our hearts are full of gratitude and thanksgiving for each of you. Your prayers, your precious time, commitment, and donations are greatly appreciated. Don't think for a moment that any of this would be possible without your help. Thank you for Going Forward with us in serving the people of the Dominican Republic.



Poland NEWSTART- with Prof. John A. Scharffenberg

By Grazyna Kuczek

Recently, Springs of Life Foundation sponsored a special NEWSTART session featuring Professor John A. Scharffenberg from Loma Linda, California. For a few years in a row, professor Scharffenberg has accepted to lecture in Europe–Czech Republic, Slovakia, Serbia and this year in Poland. His talks on prevention and treatment of osteoporosis,

diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and the role of vitamin D in the body, the benefits of exercise, and the advantages of vegetarian diet were amazing. But what was most intriguing was the fact that Professor Scharffenberger is 90 years young. He is disease free, physically and mentally fit, and very active. He is an unusually joyful person with a



great sense of humor, and very serene. He attributes his longevity to a healthy diet, two meals a day and daily physical activity.

From 1976 to 1988, the National Institute of Health conducted research on 34,000 people in California looking for contributing factors to longevity. The studies revealed that the average Adventist lived four to ten years longer than the average Californian. Their average diet of soymilk,



NEWSTART Poland guests

beans, fruits and vegetables lowers the risk of certain types of cancer and other diseases. It also showed that drinking 5-6 glasses of water a day and consuming four servings of nuts per week reduced the risk of heart disease by 50%, and both cancer and heart disease can be avoided by eliminating red meat from the diet.

The NEWSTART Program® provides practical information through current research and study. When applied, it promotes weight loss, reverses atherosclerotic and degenerative processes, restores health and extends life. It brings happiness and gives quality of life.

Our vision at Springs of Life, Poland, is to relieve sickness and suffering. Everyone can be fit for life and avoid disease. Should you attend a NEWSTART program and apply its principles, your body will be grateful to you for life.

Mt Akagi Update

By Don Johnson

In July of this year, a group from America teamed up with the staff of Mount Akagi Institute to renovate the lifestyle center. Marty Brown, the president, and Konosan, a staff member, have since finished the



Mount Akagi Institute

work of painting, sealing and guttering the outside of the building. Besides that, they have completed the needed flooring inside. Thank you for supporting the renovations of that old building and making it a beauti-

ful lifestyle center.

The Mt. Akagi staff continue to pray for more workers. Their vision is twofold: a. to grow the lifestyle center business, presently, they treat one or two guests at a time and b. to develop a strong

educational program.

Please continue to pray that more individuals will hear God's call and become workers in that difficult mission field.



MEXICO, Tarahumara Indians in Creel

Three Vacation Bible Schools in Mexico

By David Cruz

During the summer of 2013, we (David and Virginia Cruz) were in San Rafael and Nacarare busy running Vacation Bible Schools. Because there were so many we were forced to divide the children into two groups.

We enjoyed sharing Bibles stories, experiments and a variety of crafts with the children. This was a special time because not only did children attend, but their parents also. Everyone participated in each activity, whether in games, crafts, or stories. In the end, both young and old were given a diploma of recognition for their participation



VBS in San Rafael throughout the week.

In Creel many children came. Most of them were non-Adventist who knew a little Continued on pg. 14

He Has Yet to Let Us Down

By Roger Stone



Bicycles presented to rural pastors in India

There are many areas in India where no public transportation exists. Many of our pastors go from village to village on foot, wasting precious time. They find it difficult to travel from one church to another on Sabbath, and to attend the midweek prayer meetings. As the number of churches increase, there is a greater need for more bicycles.

Bicycles prove to be the most effective mode of transportation in India. Donors have already provided several bicycles, and it goes without saying that the pastors are very grateful for that generous support.

God's planning is so awesome. Because the financial exchange rate was so high, 65 to 1, I transferred some funds into a bank account that has instant access between America and India. Then I left a check for Rs.75,000 with Pastor Elisha Rao. I felt confident he would have the funds he needed for the work in India. I told him I would deposit an additional Rs.30,000 once I arrived in the States. This would cover the financial needs for one month. Soon after I arrived in the States. Pastor

Roa called sounding distressed. The ICICI Bank would not accept the check for Rs. 75,000 because India had changed the limit of money a check could be written for. Now, he had no accessible money and asked what he should do?

In God's timing, a donor had sent \$540.00 to be used for the Pastors in India. I deposited the money into the

account that has instant access. The money was already there. Having a debit card Pastor Rao was able to withdraw the money he needed. He was so relieved. God works that way. He promises to supply all our needs. After all, when has He ever let us down?

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This incident reminded me of a time in Puerto Rico several years ago. I was working on a diesel engine, taking the injector pump out. With a flashlight, I could see an 8 mm bold head that had 12 points on it. (Most bolts have 6 points.) I opened my toolbox and there was a ¼-inch, 12-point drive socket. Where did that come from? Then I remembered that while running the auto shop at Eden Valley, I lost my 6 point 1/4 drive, 8 mm socket, I went to Sears, and they didn't have a 6-point; they only had a 12-point socket. I decided to buy what they had. The Lord knew two years before that I would need a 12 point 1/4 drive 8 mm socket. How can anyone deny that the wonderful God we serve knows the future? "In every difficulty, He has His way prepared to bring relief." DA 330.



How Simple

By Gayle Kildal



Gayle Kildal with daughter on the left

od's natural treatments are inherent in pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, water and trust in divine power. According to the Lord's servant, "These are the true remedies. [And] every person should have a knowledge of nature's remedial agencies and how to apply then." MH 127: 2. Wisely applied these healing modalities boost a person's immune system wonderfully. We have noticed, however, in our lifestyle center that it isn't the people who learn the natural remedies that find healing, but those who practice them . . . at home.

Gayle Kildal, from Alaska, writes:

I have great news to share with you. The Lord healed me of breast cancer!

I was at Eden Valley in February with my daughter, Rebecca. I had been diagnosed with breast cancer in December and came to Eden Valley to learn what I needed to do to become healthy. I sure learned a lot.

When I got home, I implemented the lifestyle changes and stuck strictly to a vegan diet. The results were amazing. When I left Eden Valley, my A1c was 5.8 down from

7.1 the previous August. I had stopped taking all my meds including my diabetes, cholesterol and high blood pressure pills.

From a blood test I took four weeks ago, (early in August 2013) I learned that my cholesterol was down to 130 from 237. My blood pressure is now 124/68, and my A1c 5.7. Plus I've lost 40 pounds. The only medication I take is for my thyroid.

I had breast surgery on September 11. On Thursday, the 12th, my surgeon called to say, "Gayle Kildal, I don't know what it is with you. The pathology came back and there is no cancer."

God truly healed me. I am so grateful. I am so thankful also for all you taught me while I was at Eden Valley. God used you to teach me...

"It's because the Lord healed me!" I said. "Well," she said, "all I know is that in December you had cancer and now you don't."

God truly healed me. I am so grateful. I am so thankful also for all you taught me while I was at Eden Valley. God used you to teach me to eat properly and He honored that by healing me.

Not complicated, is it?

The Lord, through His Messenger promised, "If the sick and suffering will do only as well as they know in regard to living out the principles of health reform (God's eight laws of health) perseveringly, then they will in nine cases out of ten recover from their ailments." MM223:4. How simple. To find healing all we have to do is to live as God originally intended.



The Entering Wedge

By Matt Dooley



First Night of Cooking School

THE WELL's outreach is exceptional.

At the beginning of their training, the students go into the community two-

by-two. They knock on each door inviting the public to participate in a health study called "Eight Weeks to Wellness". One day, the students entered a cluster of apartments. What happened next was something only the Lord could organize. The door opened; not a single door, but the door

to the entire complex. With God given wisdom, the students talked to the manager

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Health Expo Booth

"When properly conducted, the health work is an entering wedge, making a way for other truths to reach the heart."

and explained what they were doing for the community. The manager caught the vision; she gave permission to use the club-

house and even, offered to advertise the program to all the tenants. Not wanting to be outdone, a nearby apartment building also opened their doors, allowing our students to come and set up appointments for health coaching.

Contrast that with what happened a year earlier.

At that time, our Bible Worker tried to enter that very same complex. She was conducting surveys looking for Bible study interests. Because her approach was too direct for Coloradans, she was asked to leave and the door closed behind her.

"When properly conducted, the health work is an entering wedge, making a way for other truths to reach the heart." Coun-



Health Expo Booth

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The door that was previously closed was now open. Several tenants came to the clubhouse meeting. This meeting was used as a bridge to a series of cooking classes at Eden Valley. A lady from the clubhouse came and brought a friend. The first cooking class was such a blessing to the friend that she went home to eagerly share what she had gleaned with her own friends and family. She was one of 10-12 visitors who came to every cooking class.

The cooking classes became a bridge to a series of meetings by Dr. Tim Riesenberger organized by our students. (They also distributed fliers in the community, arranged greeters, ushers, and special music.) Dr. Tim talked about health principles and incorporated many Bible principles in his lectures.

Using health as an opening wedge bridges physical-need to spiritual-fulfillment. The people are much less prone to resist our advancements. The Lord told us that was how it would be. Praise God.

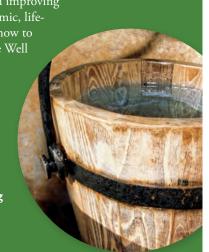
Draw a Vision from The Well

Nearly everyone in our communities is interested in improving their health. Now, imagine being able to offer dynamic, life-changing health studies for free. Imagine knowing how to lead them from health topics to the eternal life. The Well offers a simple, practical, intensive medical missionary course.

New Session at **THE WELL** begins January 12, 2014 – May 31, 2014

To Register:

You can contact the Education Department directly at 970-215-0223 or education@eden-valley.org
For more information or to apply simply go to eden-valley.org/education to download the application forms.





Eden Valley Master Plan Update

By Laural Bates

Through numerous hurdles, multiple engineers and a very slow process, Eden Valley finally received part-one of a series of needed approvals from the State of Colorado to build a wastewater treatment plant. This is great news. There are still mountains to climb and valleys to forge, but at least we are moving forward.

With the approval of the water treatment plant, Eden Valley can now apply for the needed design approval and building permits.

The wastewater treatment plant was mandated by the State, but once in place, it will be a tremendous asset to the campus. It will treat the sewage from our south and central buildings. The north end of campus will continue to use private septic systems.

In this respect, Eden Valley was out of compliance with state regulations for many years. Fortunately, the state graciously granted us leniency.

While waiting for the approval these two years, we did not sit idly waiting. Many of our existing buildings needed repair. So in June of 2011, a team of Maranatha Volunteers painted, sided and helped install windows on all of our buildings. We proceeded to remove our unsightly scrap metal pile allotting the proceeds to maintenance costs. Besides that, the dilapidated trailers embellishing our north border were demolished and removed. We are doing all we can, not losing sight of our over-

riding vision—to demonstrate the beauty and goodness of God's holiness to the local and wider community. That has been our goal from the beginning. In October 2013, Eden Valley celebrated its 50th anniversary. Throughout those 50 years of service we've worked hard combining the health message with the gospel's power.

The Master Plan is coming along, but now we need to turn once again to you.

With the approval of the water treatment plant, Eden Valley can now apply for the needed design approval and building permits. We praise God for the funds of over \$1.5 million He has provided towards the master plan.

At present, Eden Valley uses two buildings to accommodate the lifestyle program. There are times that guests stay in private homes because the center is full. It is the desire of Eden Valley and its Board of Di-

rectors to build a lifestyle center that will bring glory to God.

If you feel compelled to donate to help fulfill our vision, please mark your donations "Master Plan". We need almost

\$3 million to complete all capital improvements. To us, and perhaps to you, this is a tremendous amount of money, but when we use the plan of addition God promises to multiply our offerings to His glory. God has a plan and He will provide—He always has.

God Has Provided

By Laural Bates



The Clark Family

Some things don't come easy. A doctor who will work for a sacrificial wage is one of them. It is even difficult to believe such a person exists anymore. Praise God, they do.

After much prayer and several phone calls, Doctor John Clark accepted the call to join our Eden Valley team. He, his wife, Julie, and their son, Connor, arrived in October 2013.

The whole family is passionate about helping people learn to take charge of their health and live a healthy, happy life.

In 2006, Dr. Clark gave up his orthopedic practice, for the purpose of teaching people how to avoid and even reverse the disease process using natural means. He teaches the underlying causes of common diseases. He spends much of his time researching the health benefits of the "eight natural laws". He teaches that there is a direct correlation between these laws and health—to adhere

to these God appointed laws is to have abundant life and health.

Dr. Clark and his family have traveled all over the United States providing health programs. Many of his pre-

We are blessed to have Dr. Clark and his family join us.

sentations and handouts are available at www.NorthernLightsHealthEducation.com

The whole family is passionate about helping people learn to take charge of their health and live a healthy, happy life. They deeply love and follow the word of God and believe that in it are all the treasures of divinely inspired wisdom to help us prosper and be in good health.

Their son, Connor, is an active, healthy eight-year old who loves the outdoors and animals. At his young age, he, too, is learning to make wise choices, and wishes that everyone could be healthy and happy.

We are blessed to have Dr. Clark and his family join us. The Great Physician knows best when and how to provide for our needs.

Three Vacation Bible Schools in Mexico Continued from pg. 7



VBS in Nacarare

bit about the gospel. By the end of the week 65 children received their diplomas. Of these children twenty-two joined the Pathfinder Club in our Church.

Thank you for your support and generosity in purchasing the necessary Vacation Bible School materials. Without your help these three churches wouldn't have had a Vacation Bible School Program.

New Lifestyle Center Fundraising Goal



for your support!

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 Continued financial support for Master Plan improvements submitted to Larimer County. Wastewater plant, Duplexes, and Single Family Dwellings, along with a new Lifestyle Center.

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Please pray for

Eden Valley Mission Projects

Eden Valley Foster Care Mission, Tanzania

We are seeking staff to assist in the general operation and maintenance of the mission school. Persons must be skilled and willing to work in a non-English speaking environment. If interested please contact Janet Fournier at her email address: janet-4nier@gmail.com

Tarahumara Indians in Creel, Mexico

The work for the Tarahumara Indians continues to grow. There is an ever increasing need for churches in that area. Continue to pray that God will open the hearts of the Tarahumara Indains and to provide an open door for the gospel to be preached.

Stone Valley Foundation, India

Since 2000, the Lord has used Roger and Barbara Stone to raise scores of churches in India. They trained hundreds of pastors and ministers, and provide numerous orphans with medical care, housing and educational advantages. Currently raising funds to build a new orphanage to cut rental costs, and new church buildings.

Country Life Mission, Dominican Republic

- Volunteers: a medical doctor for our lifestyle center; others in the areas of agriculture, industry, teaching, etc.
- 4wd 50-70 HP Tractor with a bucket.
- Student Fund \$200 per month for each student. Estimated costs are anticipated to be much lower in the future as the agriculture and industry which these students will be starting will begin bringing in food and finances to the institution.
- Capital to rebuild and reform Health Food Store (\$ 3,000 US dollars or more).
- Building team to repair Lifestyle Center.
- Two motorcycles

Springs of Life Foundation, Poland

God has opened the doors we have been praying for; Poland, NEWSTART has occupancy of the new building. This facility still needs \$3,500 for kitchen equipment and \$8000 to make a marketing video and develop a new website.

Mount Akagi Institute, Japan

Today several individuals have joined hands to revitalize Mount Akagi's ministry. The property needs many repairs and a couple of good industries. The team would like to invest in a greenhouse built to US specifications.